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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF

STEFFEN HOFACKER ET AL

) GROUP NO.: 1711

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/054,558

) EXAMINER: M.D. BISSETT

FILED: JANUARY 22, 2002

TITLE: PROTECTIVE COVERING WITH  
A TWO-LAYER COATING BUILDUP

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, Applicants hereby submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Date